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INTRODUCTION

I AM more and more impressed with the need of "Business Good-will" in this Republic. When we consider that only one business enterprise out of ten meets success, admit that the man who enters upon an independent career has nerve, and the man who succeeds has both luck and ability. It is an element of patriotism to reverence the successful business men of America, and Our Nation must request and heed the advice and admonitions of men experienced in affairs. I do not confuse Producers with the hordes of money lenders and speculators, who consider it a business to prey upon business. The business men are the great Captains of Industry of America, the great Organizers and Common Carriers, the manufacturers, the farmers and Masters of Commercial activity. Let us extend to every such leader congratulations for business success, and never begrudge the reward for useful service.

REVERENCE TO THE FLAG

THE Flag of America stands for the Rights of men, to shelter the oppressed and to guarantee to every citizen Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Other Flags may have a glorious past, but the Stars and Stripes stands for a glorious future. It is the bud of promise for generations of men, fighting for freedom, for a living wage, and for opportunity, to advance the cause of humanity. When the Band plays "The Star Spangled Banner" stand with uncovered head, in reverence for the principles for which Our Flag stands, and whenever and wherever you come into the presence of the Flag, take off your hat, for our hopes of righting the wrongs of men are symbolized by our feelings as we Honor our National Emblem.

Returning travelers meet the flag with tears of joy, as they see again their own land, and the Emblem that is the banner of the people, and not the Insignia of Emperor or King. We can not too often renew in

the hearts of the youth of America their reverence for the Flag. In Public buildings, in Public schools, in Churches, upon highways, and in the Home, at all times, it is more than mere privilege, it is the Duty of every American, at every opportunity, to do Homage to "The Star Spangled Banner."

OUR SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

BEAUTIFUL, sublime, and expressing the most lofty conceptions of noble thought, the Spirit of Liberty has budded and flowered in America, in the grand principles of democracy that underlie the Constitution of our Republic, embracing freedom of the press and civic policy, freedom of speech and assembly, freedom of religion and conscience, and freedom of political life and individual conviction. These priceless jewels are now our heritage, and it is to defend, maintain, and preserve them that every true American will pledge his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor.

Our Puritan ancestors landed upon the barren and rocky New England Coast, upon an inhospitable, cold, and hostile shore, enduring such hardships that half their number perished the first Winter, and can we look upon that sacrifice with calm thoughtlessness, as we see them taking the oath, that as soon as one hundred families were banded together, they would found a

college, where their children would learn of the greater things of life and would found a nation for future generations.

During the Summer of 1776 the Continental Armies were driven by successive defeats from Long Island and New York across New Jersey, into Pennsylvania, where Christmas Day found them poorly armed, half starved, insufficiently clothed and provisioned, and in desperate straits, but their spirit was unconquered. With tattered rags for clothing, with kerchiefs and cloths tied around the feet for shoes and stockings, and leaving trails of flowing blood, that gallant army marched through a terrible storm of hail and sleet back to the conflict. On that awful night, when none but hardy, determined men could even endure the storm, through driving snow and cutting wind, they crossed the Delaware River in small rowboats, and their watchword was "Liberty or Death." Frosted feet, hands and noses were ignored, patriots died from the terrible voluntary exposure of that fearful night, and their frozen corpses littered up the line of march, but victory crowned the toil of that

valiant army. At Trenton they captured the Hessian troops with the greatly needed supply of provisions and arms, and new hope was instilled in the hearts of the Continental Armies, at this most critical period of the American Revolutionary War. Thus were laid the foundations of our free, non-sectarian public school system, the marvel of the age, the melting pot for all nations, amalgamating every race and creed into the free, liberty-loving American citizen, and promising to every individual absolute personal freedom. Thus were laid the foundations of religious Liberty and the open Bible, of the American spirit of fair play and good-will to all men, and of the free press, free speech, and free civic policy of our Nation.

But while the Puritans worshipped, their muskets were stacked, close at hand, loaded for warfare. The minute men of the Revolution, even while plowing the fields, were prepared to rush to arms, and General Washington prayed at Valley Forge, with his sword in his hand and, the saddle upon his charger. Today we cannot afford to let our coasts be undefended, nor risk the invaluable heritage that is ours by reason of the

sacrifice of life and property of our ancestors. Be assured we are not free from danger of invasion, for there are criminal nations ready to levy blackmail, and to attack any defenseless land for plunder, pillage and slaughter. The navy of Great Britain has saved her from the cruel blast of war time and time again, and we must maintain such an adequate power at sea as to be able to destroy any invading army before it could reach our shores. "America First" must be our watchword, for eternal vigilance is the price of our Spirit of Liberty.

AMERICANS AWAKE

AMERICANS, awake! We are here, free born in our native land. But liberty is not license, and preparation for defense is not war. Be prepared to defend righteousness and justice. We need every American in business to develop and build up our national resources. All controversies of Americans with Americans must cease, and we must stand together to win. "America First," brothers. Let us renew friendship with all our friends, and shake hands with all our foes, and swear anew allegiance to the flag of our country, to keep America for Americans.

Emigrants, who come to America to found homes, should be welcomed, and every one should be required to declare his intention to become an American citizen. American labor justly demands recognition and fair play in every field of operation. May we never see laborers brought over by the boat load at per capita price to replace our workmen in factories and business developments. Wages paid American laborers are

not thrown away, for the money only returns from the manufacturers and producers to the consumers, and every one is benefited, and the country enjoys true prosperity.

OLD GLORY

THE success of a republican form of government depends upon the recognition and reward of every man who stands for the eternal principles of Human Brotherhood, and counts it his privilege and duty to work, always with the welfare of his fellow men in his heart, to fulfil the ideals of a Government of, by, and for the people. It is important for all students in the Public Schools to learn a little practical law and politics, so as to have some idea how the Nation, State and City are run, and why we continually struggle against evil in high places, against political privilege, graft, taxation and tariff problems, and dangerous decisions by judges and those in authority. During the period of character formation for our children, it is the prerogative of our Public Schools to develope broad-minded, progressive, democratic views of social problems, and to destroy all elements of bigotry, hatred, vice and greed. This is the training for citizenship, so essential for every child and in future years the

beneficial results will appear in the clear understanding and solution of many of the present-day problems, which we cannot meet and cannot remedy because of the narrow-mindedness, prejudice, racial affiliations and clannish proclivities of so many citizens who have as yet only sipped the cup of the deep altruistic principles of true American ideals. But, thanks to the teachings of our Public Schools, the future will prove that somewhere upon the grand foundations of patriotism and national welfare every youth and maiden, having learned the lessons of life and the principles of right living, will rear his or her temple to the flag of righteousness, of purity and of freedom, Old Glory, the flag of the United States of America.

THE PRINCIPLES OF AMERICANISM

NO REPUBLIC can survive the storms of indifference, greed and pride, except there be rooted in the hearts of the common people an intense patriotism to constantly renew the spirit of democracy. It is the privilege and duty of every American citizen, whenever and wherever the need arises, to stand firm and more firmly for the Constitution and the Flag. Our Constitution guarantees to every citizen life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and freedom of religion, society and industry. All men are born free and equal. This is a country of opportunity. It is the only land where the lowest man can rise to the highest position. There is no class distinction. These ideals are distinctly American and must be carefully guarded and preserved. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Without question the Bible is recognized as the basis of the best modern morality. If there be truth in The Book, as without exception every one through-

out the civilized world believes, it should be read in our public schools, where the ideals of future generations are moulded. Our watchword is the protection and extension of the Little Red Schoolhouse System, and without prejudice or bigotry to instill in the mind of every American youth the principles of Americanism. The public school is truly the cornerstone of the Republic, and we must make the course of education so complete that no American child can afford to miss the great public opportunity.

Freedom of society, and of the individual, necessitates the recognition of the equality of every citizen before the law of the land. When the so-called honor system for examinations was introduced, no one believed it could succeed. But the success was instantaneous and absolute. There is honor among Americans. We do not need policemen, criminal courts, judges, jailors and executioners to coerce men, but we do need a patriot's education for every citizen. Give every man liberty, equality and fraternity, and none except degenerates will be criminals. Carefully educate, train and organize the citizenry, and there will

be no degenerates. The greatest study of mankind is man. The nation would be better off without intriguing lawyers and politicians, and in their place and stead have justice and statesmen. In society we recognize the necessity of leaders. Industrial systems must be devised and organizations developed, for organization is the machinery of industry.

Where there is freedom of industry, regulation is automatic. We have no sympathy for the man who pushes himself forward by pushing others backward. There is, however, too much antagonism toward industrial system. It is not fair to put a great leader on trial because he achieves success. The Government suits against directors of corporations should be frowned upon, unless the parties accused are positively guilty of intentional crime. If there is no intentional crime, injured parties should be held to their common-law remedy. Today there are too many actions that savor more of blackmail than justice, and these suits are a public nuisance. The great insurance companies, the public service corporations and the railroads have been and are the backbone and sinews of our progress.

Give honor where honor is due. Judge every enterprise by this standard. Grant favor to every man, institution and corporation which develops and adds to the wealth of the country. Wealth is a measure of reward for service, and the standard of the value of a man is the service he renders to others.

Lastly, loyal American citizens are interested in every question of national, industrial or political importance. Americanism is truly a matter of the spirit and of the soul. The lesson is not easily learned by men stunted by the brutality of European tyranny. We must strive for unity and similarity of ideals, customs and beliefs, and not encourage immigration to the extent where we cannot mould the spirit and soul of the immigrant to American ideals. The American workingman is the highest and best type of manhood in the world, but even he may well study the means of social welfare. Is not the pen, after all, mightier than the sword? Are not the forces of construction and development better than those of destruction and ruin? Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things. Stand steadfast, with

the courage of conviction, the champions of liberty, equality and fraternity, to protect and fight for every true ideal of Americanism.

RELIGION

THE office of Religion is to control and regulate all peoples and Nations by the Gospel of Good Will of every man toward all his fellowmen. A great society can arise only through the combination of great constituents into a homogeneous body, where the individuality of each is curtailed as they are assigned to the work best adapted to the individual taste and tendency. About four hundred months of active service constitute the span of lifetime, and no individual, no combination of events, and no facts of history can mould the future, but for a few short years, each is left a free agent to choose a life of service, and to create a symmetrical and beautiful character. Avoid the fatal and prevailing indifference toward religious expression, which in the broadest sense declares every form equally acceptable, salutary and worthy, yet recognizes and follows no discipline or authority. Rather encourage the spirit of active co-operative service, with distinctive belief, combined

with charity toward all, for there can be no real antagonism between any principles of religion with any government, authority or creed. Neither can the natural be antagonistic to the supernatural, for all the great virtues of truth, honor, courage, loyalty, liberty, patriotism, obedience, industry and faith are the natural elements of true religion. Therefore no revelation of science or invention, and no course of education or research can result otherwise than in the ascertainment of truth, which is the foundation upon which we must rear our temple of service.

America has demonstrated that religion can thrive without State influence in an atmosphere of personal freedom of the individual, where the members of all denominations must frequently associate together and intimately understand each other. Formerly each nation used the religious instincts of its people to consolidate its State unity, founding the Greek Church, the German Lutheran Church, the Reformed Church of Holland, and the Episcopal Church of England, but in our land of liberty, the melting pot of nations has also proved the melting pot of religions, where all differ-

ences must be reconciled and true universal good-will toward all men reign as the supreme element of all religion, in the hearts of the people. Therefore all controversies, hatreds, criticisms, bigotry, and antagonisms must cease, and in place of these cultivate truth, sympathy, charity and liberality, until the old things of earth pass away, and better and brighter days dawn upon the world's civilization.

PROSPERITY, PREPAREDNESS AND PEACE

THOSE who say war is impossible do not give due consideration to the facts, for history has never yet chronicled a nation that has not sooner or later become involved in some life-and-death struggle for existence or for the maintenance of principles of Justice and Righteousness. Whenever and wherever populations are congested, and organized systems of industry involved in difficulties or exposed to destructive competition, the temper of the affected populace becomes so strained and unreasonable that any minor event, backed by popular prejudice, will precipitate warfare. America must be for Americans, and all the great private developments of our national resources must be mobilized under Government direction, with the constant design of improving the welfare of the working people. Invested capital must recognize that all laborers are entitled to living wages, and that people who are not robbed do not revolt or foment strikes or arm for self-defense. The recognition of

organized labor is not frightful to contemplate, for the American workingman is also the ultimate consumer. Likewise, Government regulation of prices and rates of transportation may not be destructive of justice, for the rights of all must be respected. As it is a sign of moral and religious deterioration when all the speaking, thinking, preaching and praying is done by hired servants, so it is a sign of national weakness when foreign imported labor tills the soil, builds canals and roads, and supplies toilers for the mills and factories. That nation has the greatest sources of strength where all citizens are self-supporting, active, progressive members under organized leadership.

No part of the proposed propaganda for preparedness is more important than the transportation and commercial service. The principles of protective tariff have built up our manufacturing independence, and the subsidizing of trade vessels is only a form of beneficial protective tariff applied to the merchant marine. History shows that the best navies of the world have always been built up through channels of commercial activity, and this branch of the development can be

made a veritable gold mine in every market of the world. Let our Ambassadors renew and improve commercial treaties, and make way for the Vice-Consuls, sales representatives and trained export agents. Trade follows the business credit, the accommodating banking facilities and the subsidized fleet, and tangible business credit is already a reality in every nation, for the old things have passed away, and new nations are assuming the role of leadership and expansion. Every American these days should economize in living expenses, cultivate industry, and increase business competency, so as to take advantage, as far as possible, of every opportunity at hand, for our Nation is now the recognized champion of Democracy as against Autocracy and Militarism, to uphold law and order against conscienceless Ambition.

No foreign army could land upon our shores unless our navy was first destroyed, and if the destruction of the navy were accomplished, it is doubtful whether tens of millions of armed soldiery could prevent foreign invasion. In any event, the greatest devastation would occur at the sea coast cities, for no invading army

could conquer the interior States, nor hold any State in subjection, as has been proved by the defeat or capture of every army that has ever been transported to our shores. We must at once effectively bring about complete efficiency in our navy, which could best be accomplished under the direction of an expert naval defense commission to be continued as a non-political council, with its own budget system and staff organization. As a peace-loving nation we deplore war, but at the same time we must recognize the possibility of war and be prepared. We must have such a quality of peace as will keep open every highway of opportunity to develop our National resources and industries. Our hopes of righting the wrongs of men are symbolized by the feelings of reverence that stir the breast as we honor the Star-Spangled Banner, and ever we must realize that the principles for which our flag stands must be animated by power to enforce right and to defend against wrong, until every nation shall be free from the curse and burden of militarism and become devoted solely to the arts of peace.

POLITICS

MAY we never permit covetousness, greed, and envy, to destroy our respect for men who have rendered service, and who are truly entitled to reap the rewards for their labor. It is high time the American nation, as a united people, give their undivided attention to the study of the economic forces of construction and development of manufacturing all commercial commodities, to conserve the energies of each individual citizen and bring him to the highest degree of efficiency possible. If we are to discover any practical solution of our social, and economic problems, we must first scatter and find employment for the hordes of capable men who to-day reap an easy living because of the dependence of our industrial and commercial enterprise upon the peculiar vicissitudes of political activity, where reason and judgment are dethroned, and where gold is the oil which heals the deepest wounds, and keeps in motion the rusty ponderous machinery of civic government of the people and by the people and for the people.

HOLD FAST

FAR into the depths of truth our learned leaders have delved and what was formerly mystery now is knowledge. Still never let us surrender our ideals and convictions, lest the understanding of truth pass from us. The echoes of the past are not vain fancies, for where is the dust that has not been alive. As the blasting fiery meteor, sunk in the earth, is but a stone, so wise men are known for dullness, and the fool for his wit. Innocence and ignorance are poor choosers. Rather know the truth and the truth will make you free.

Society can never organize and act as a corporate body except under the leadership of men of exceptional ability, whose influence moreover may be quickly shattered by unjust criticisms and mean underhanded attacks. Let us determine to reap the benefit of the service of our great men, as the new slogan reads: "Sell your hammer and buy a horn."

PUBLIC WELFARE

WE BELIEVE in Business. Good Business—Profitable Business—Systematic Business. Let us have confidence in the projects of Business Men who know their Business as against the expression of opinion by persons who are ignorant of whys or wherefores, but who speak generally for the purpose of attracting attention to themselves or to some impractical hobby. Too much Law is more dangerous than not enough Law, for lawyers, politicians and unscrupulous business men use laws to gain unfair advantages. As to the principles of law generally, every righteous judge is influenced by the law of Common Sense as to what is right and what is wrong, and the Law of greatest benefit to the greatest number. The danger of Democracy is that Statutory Law may so far stunt and destroy enterprise as to make any kind of leadership so dangerous, that the greatest inventors and organizers can never receive meritorious advancement and recognition. In business as in war we must

have leaders and support them, and give them fair opportunity to develope their plans and reap the rewards of their labor.

"LIBERALITY"

CONSIDER equal rights, equal privileges, and equal duties for all and take to heart the old adage "Judge not that ye be not judged." Respect the views of others for if America means opportunity and recognition of ability in the sharp competition of the business world, how important it is that every citizen who is willing to work should have a square deal.

There are three steps in the advancement of civilization, the acquisition and accumulation of wealth and property rights by force; the acquisition and accumulation of wealth and property rights by cunning, and the acquisition and accumulation of wealth and property rights by honesty, by ability, and by beneficial service to others. Let us show respect to youth as well as to age, to service as well as to ability, and to virtue as well as to achievement. Unite every race and creed into one homogeneous, self reliant, magnanimous community and altruistically live together, in peace and prosperity each respecting the views and opinions of all.

"GOOD-WILL"

RIGHT living is a complicated but interesting business, and Good-will, consisting of charity for all and malice toward none, as Lincoln puts it, is the essential factor of friendly and beneficial relationship. Good-will has at its foundation the recognition of the fact that we are not alone in the great human system, but we must regard our fellow-men with benevolent justice and sincere impartiality. Boost, don't knock; encourage, don't scold; build, don't destroy; give yourself and don't spend all your life in taking from others. The man who speaks his mind opens the door to criticism, but better to meet controversy than to stunt the intellect. Recognize every great American industrial development and business enterprise as only another cornerstone upon which to build our National prosperity and work to increase public good-will toward business and business good-will toward labor. We need publicity to-day along Political and social lines and our business men need greater business protection,

consideration, respect, and good-will, so that industry may flourish and increase, and not be handicapped by thousands of petty and useless annoyances. The word of a business man of America should be considered as true until it is proven false, and business should not be hampered by series upon series of long reports and investigations which are destructive both in their inception, conception, deception, exception, and final ineffective results. Even when success is attained, the country suffers because of the destruction of some beneficial line of occupation and in addition pays a long bill of useless expenditures. It is pleasant and wholesome to be influenced by men who have a feeling of the dignity and value of occupation and industry and who extend to every working fellowman a smiliar conception of his worth and importance. The philosophy of the American is that we must hurry at times, that we may not be unprepared at some critical moment later, but the ultimate object is always to save time, to eliminate, to systematize, to accomplish, and to increase self reliance, will-power and the results of labor. It is right then to stand for the advancement and pro-

gress of every business interest in America. Extend everywhere to all men the spirit of good-will, fair play, and assistance whenever and wherever possible, and the bread cast upon the waters will return again to you after many days.

OPPORTUNITY

WORKMEN in every trade have less cares than the employers. The Plant owners must take their pay in credit and yet pay all employees in cash. The employers must erect new buildings and plan the productions for a vast immediate profit, where the value of permanent investment is doubtful. Among Nations we hope for the day when wars will be no more. Between Capital and Labor we hope for the day when strikes will not be called. Ways of Peace leave no ill will, no suffering, no destruction, and American workmen, these days as never before, should study labor conditions, study problems of employers, and work for the welfare of America. Patriotism demands that every citizen be industrious, thrifty, and peaceable Every industrial clash, no matter how small, is a national loss and re-acts upon every individual citizen. Every ounce of strength and profit, added to individual efficiency and capital, is also added to the sum total of our National resources.

Labor revolts, because of the individual losses and destruction they involve should be avoided. There are better, more modern and more efficient methods. The wheels of time grind slowly but they grind, exceeding small, and constant persistent effort wins popular good-will and assures the final result in the most beneficial form. Great objects can not be permanently accomplished in a day, but with patience and perseverance the progress of Justice will move forward and keep in step with the advancement of all industrial interests of America.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC

IN THESE strenuous times when we are rushing forward with rapid changes, it is our bounden duty to consider the foundations of our Republic relative to the institutions we are building thereon. As every citizen appreciates and participates in the government, class distinctions are further removed and the political life becomes more of the people, by the people, and for the people, and both capital and labor better understand the needs of our national and social progress and more of the action and reactions of Industrial competition and Co-operation. Discontent of the citizenry means lack of sympathy with Government objectives, but in a new land such as ours, there should be no difficulty in maintaining a high standard of living, keeping the complexities of life as simple as may be, without lowering standards of morality. As society continually draws new recruits from the lower classes, it has been our policy always to allow men absolute freedom to do and be whatever they please, it being

fundamental, however, that no man shall so use his own property as to injure others, but the rights of every individual shall be recognized and respected. What best fulfils the needs of our Social nature, our physical nature, our mental nature, our moral nature, and our religious nature must everywhere and at all times be equally balanced so that there may be no disastrous reaction from unsymetrical advancement. The modern reform seems dangerous to many conservative people but without change there can be no progress, and these men are all working unselfishly for the uplifting of our Republican Institutions, now so securely rooted in the hearts of the people.

"FAIR PLAY"

NOTHING so draws down the blessings of Heaven upon mankind as the Spirit of Fair Play inducing contentment and peace, order and safety for the commonwealth. Even for the most worthy purpose, to destroy the vilest evils, unrighteous weapons of attack or defense should never be used, but let the victory come through righteousness and good-will. Justice never exaggerates a fault, Charity overlooks defects and the best friends of civilization are those who increase peace and prosperity. There are some accusations against which no man can exempt or defend himself, and the only defense is to ignore the accusation and live it down. But Fair Play demands the recognition of industry, justice, and charity, and that judgment should never be passed adversely upon the motives and intentions of Public spirited men without proof of facts. Give credit to the self-made man and to those who raise magnificent structures, and re-

ward service with approval rather than with criticism. It is a glorious work for a man, starting with a small beginning, to establish his business and spread his influence far and wide in useful service to his fellowmen. Fair Play demands great liberality and instead of envy and strife, let us give assistance to every effort and add congratulations to every successful venture.

"WEALTH"

VAST wealth is evidence of greatness, just as great learning is an element of culture. Many persons, who cannot be wealthy, avenge themselves by proclaiming that fortunes are acquired by dishonesty and graft. Others who cannot acquire education claim that learning stifles service to our fellowmen. The true benefactor of the race whether rich or poor is the man who makes two ships sail where only one sailed before or who increases thrift, personal efficiency and production. What a delightful world this would be if every person applied the golden rule and lived and toiled only to increase the sum total of the happiness of all. It is self-sacrifice and not love of glory that reveals the nobility of the human soul. Our deeds build the foundation of our lives and we must not only all move, but all move forward and all move together. Strive to eradicate ignorance, disease, and persecution from the race and in their stead encourage equality, fraternity, and that richest pearl

of life, Liberty of Thought. The chain is no stronger than the weakest link and the van guard of the army cannot move forward until the rear guard catches up. So we must have moderation in all things, even in progress, so as to avoid any violent reaction. The army of culture and race welfare must constantly entrench and conserve every gain. Each stranger within our gates must be cared for that none may suffer for the lack of brotherly kindness, thus accomplishing the greatest good for the greatest number.

"SMOKE"

NOW lock the door, take the most comfortable chair, light up and dream. Free from all mortal restraint, we wander through grassy glades of pleasure, and accomplish innumerable deeds of favor without effort, without fatigue, without fear of disappointment, without chance of failure. Forgetful of the cares of the world we glide beyond the limitations of time, and follow as fancy leads.

Ambition is but the expression of that Spirit of hopefulness with which nature has endowed us all. It is the spirit that says: "I can and I will." In active life it's presence cheers us and urges us on to greater efforts. But during this hour of repose it carries us away to ideas and results hitherto never even dreamed of, and brings renewed hope, and a pleasant anticipation of some approaching good fortune. The spirit within us is stirred and calls for such investigation and action as will mould out the man. These ideas are brilliant in expression and form, as while the body re-

poses, the mind discovers the expression of its deepest purpose. In just such dreamy moods, men have found most sage ideas, poets have written the sublimest thoughts, and writers caught the theme of history. Rub your eyes as the spell breaks and the last smoke is blown, for in truth the pleasant hour was not entirely wasted.

"PASSIONS"

MAKE your life profitable. Have we any right to exist in this world as ciphers, without increasing the wisdom of the heart, the learning of the mind, and the usefulness of our being. Constantly build up the great sources of power, both mental and physical, so as to be better able to perform deeds of service to others and to resist and overcome all evil propensities.

It is the province of wisdom to control our passions, regulating them by moderation in every pleasure, in every sorrow, and in every struggle of life. Yet avoid the other extreme, for we can not admire the cold, hard unsympathetic, cruel type of business man, but rather it is necessary that power be tempered with mercy and service with Charity toward all. Men are frail creatures, and the most powerful man with the loudest voice will often fall just when a little more patience and perseverence would have won the fight.

It is the spirit and mental poise that after all wins the battle and mental poise arises from deeper thought and more scientific control of every passion.

"HOPE"

HOPE is one of the great virtues, and must not be confused with overconfidence, rashness, ambition, pleasure or joy. It partakes of cheerfulness, trust, faith, and confidence and links the past and present to the future, to furnish proof that in spite of human frailty and the power of evil, all things are working together for the uplifting and betterment of the race. Happy are they who can combine Charity and Humility with Hope, for such persons will never have cause to say "All is vanity and vexation of Spirit." There are dark periods of despondency and gloom in every life, but that only furnishes most convincing proof that we should habitually cultivate every pure, generous, and amiable characteristic of our being. Hope brings serenity, happiness and benevolence, and binds together the golden links of the chain of human events.

The warning to every young man is not to mistake overconfidence for Hope. Test every plank

before you walk on it and never enter a hole where you cannot clearly see your way out. "Safety First," is the safest rule to make certain that hopes will be realized.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE BIBLE AND THE FLAG

OTHER nations have been rent time and again by race prejudice, religious intolerance and political uprisings. The future of the United States of America depends on the avoidance of each of these dangers. The three great safeguards are The Public Schools, The Bible and The Flag.

The Public Schools have the function of uniting peoples of every race into one Democratic nation. This is a big proposition and not the work of a day but of generations. The Public Schools should be guarded from every objectionable influence. That means every influence that any class of citizens can object to, and every child should be compelled to attend the Public Schools. There is great need to make the Schools more practical, and teach every child some trade by which it may be possible to gain a living. Self-supporting ability for every citizen is the greatest asset of a nation. The Hope of true Democracy is to amalgamate

all races and peoples. A prominent Jewish leader declared that the Jews sent their children to the Public Schools to make them better Americans and any Religious training desired by the parents was given in classes held evenings or out of school hours. That is the proper spirit and no race values more highly the principles of the American Constitution than the Jewish people. The Public Schools should also teach Patriotism and the rudiments of Government and the principles of the Constitution. It is a great work and our Public Schools promise a United America.

The Open Bible is more important than the majority of citizens are willing to admit. There is nothing in this book opposed to Republicanism. Suppression of opinion, whether political, religious or otherwise, is not only contrary to the National Constitution but is positively dangerous. People are not fools, and if the facts are brought to their attention, they will immediately recognize the truth and banish falsehood. But if the facts are hidden or suppressed, feelings of bigotry and prejudice will appear, and truth will be trampled upon by envy, greed and falsehood. We

need not fear to trust to popular intuition; know the truth and the truth will make you free. Sectarianism is and always has been one of the bitterest and most successful enemies of Democracy. Can America avoid this pitfall? The Open Bible is the only Hope, and never in the history of the World has the Bible been such an open Book as it is to-day. It seems possible with free Public Schools and an Open Bible that religious leaders may discover and sometime agree that all aim to attain the same goal, and there is no true reason for sectarian antagonism

Not the least important of the great safeguards is the National Emblem. The flag of our country must wave over a united people. "America First" must be the watchword of every American. Honor to the flag is due from every citizen on every possible occasion. The Stars and Stripes stand for liberty of action, thought, and conscience, for a living wage and opportunity to every man, and for fraternity and brotherhood of every man to every fellowman. When the band plays the national hymn, be the first to rise. Let us all renew our allegiance to the flag, and safe-

guard the strength of the nation with purity and righteousness, ready to defend our own liberty, and generous to demand freedom of the person and of the mind for every individual, of every race, of every people. Our Flag is the emblem of personal liberty, and as we reverence the principles of freedom, and as we do good to our fellowmen, we honor the flag of our country.

"OUR OWN"

IT IS the duty of Americans to support and assist every enterprise of America. The variety, beauty and good workmanship of our productions are not fully appreciated by our Citizenry. It means something to spend years in the Public Schools and Colleges and people everywhere must look to Men of American principles for the highest ideals and for the biggest and most valuable service. Don't discount American tradesmen for they are the best, and will give honest work. Don't discount American employers for they need honest employees and are entitled to have every employee take an interest in the business, and consider the welfare of his employer as his own. Let the dead past bury its dead and for the future look to The United States to lead the world. Put forward our best. Trust your future to Americans and you will make no mistake.

WAR

THROUGH mysterious ways, like the rushing of mighty waters, the eternal principles of human brotherhood flow through the channels of the concourses of men as we struggle against evil in high places, against graft, extortion and excessive taxation, and against dangerous decisions by those in authority.

When the great war of nations is over we can rest assured that the re-action will come in the form of powerful combinations of those powers now striving to destroy each other. Can we realize that the principles of Socialism are actually being tested by the greatest nations of the world when governments confiscate, control and regulate every supply and demand of the people?

There are recognized rulers to-day in authority in these lands, dictators if you please, but what will happen when these rulers are gone and the sovereign people find they are a government with all the national resources in control? Into what form of government

will the act of saving the tottering States resolve itself? Surely it will be a government of the brotherhood of man.

"THE VICTORY"

A CERTAIN young man invested his all in business and the storms came, and he toiled and worried day and night. His powerful competitor stepped into the home to crush his puny opponent. Glancing about the room, he placed his hand upon the man's shoulder, and said: "I will assist you through this Winter's hardship, and Spring will bring you success." A sickly wife smiled, and the face of a helpless infant brightened, as clouds of darkness and dread were riven by the sunshine of hope. The most bitter foe, overpowered by kindness, becomes the staunchest ally. To gain the "Goodwill" of your adversary, that is THE GREATEST VICTORY.

"FINIS"

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